

House Study Bill 39

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BY (PROPOSED COMMISSION OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to funds in an account for a state veterans
2 cemetery and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.3, subsection 14, Code 2005, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 14. To establish and operate a state veterans cemetery and
1 4 to make application to the government of the United States or
1 5 any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, for funds
1 6 for the purpose of establishing such a cemetery. The state
1 7 may enter into agreements with any subdivision of the state
1 8 for assistance in operating the cemetery. The state shall own
1 9 the land on which the cemetery is located. The commission
1 10 shall have the authority to accept federal grant funds,
1 11 funding from state subdivisions, donations from private
1 12 sources, and federal "plot allowance" payments. All such
1 13 funds shall be deposited into an account dedicated to the
1 14 establishment, operation, and maintenance of a veterans
1 15 cemetery and these funds shall be expended only for those
1 16 purposes. The commission through the executive director shall
1 17 have the authority to accept suitable cemetery land, in
1 18 accordance with federal veterans cemetery grant guidelines,
1 19 from the federal government, state government, state
1 20 subdivisions, private sources, and any other source wishing to
1 21 transfer land for use as a veterans cemetery. Notwithstanding
1 22 section 8.33, any moneys in the account for a state veterans
1 23 cemetery shall not revert and, notwithstanding section 12C.7,
1 24 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the
1 25 fund shall be credited to the account.

1 26 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 27 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 28 EXPLANATION

1 29 This bill provides that moneys deposited into an account
1 30 for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a state
1 31 veterans cemetery shall not revert at the end of each fiscal
1 32 year and interest or earnings on moneys deposited in the
1 33 account shall be credited to the account.

1 34 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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